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Letter dated 17 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge a protest over the practice of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) of flying Albanian flags in addition to the flags of the United Nations on its buildings in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia. The most recent instance has been the flying of the Albanian flag on an UNMIK building at Suva Reka, which has continued despite the protest of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The improper practice of the international presence represents outright support to ethnic Albanian terrorist separatists, contrary to international law and Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999, specifically its express provisions on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. By flying the flag of a foreign State, flown also by the members of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army, some segments of UNMIK have deliberately allied themselves with those forces that call for the separation of this Serbian province from the Republic of Serbia and its eventual secession from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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